

Michigan 14th District

Photo Competition

2019 Rules and Regulations

General Information

The rules and regulations included here apply to the 2019 District Photo Competition for Michigan's 14th Congressional District generally

The competition is open to all.

Artwork must be an **original photograph**. Each must be taken within Michigan's 14th District.

Accepted mediums for the are as follows:

- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be **original** in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. For more information on copyright laws, we recommend you visit the Scholastic website: <http://www.artandwriting.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/A-Guideto-Copyright-and-Plagiarism.pdf>.

Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction)

Artwork will hang in the Southfield District Office for the duration of the year. Participants should only submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

Suitability Guidelines

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission (the Commission). In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. Each Member of Congress will be required to submit a Letter of Support confirming that the Member has determined that the winning artwork adheres to the Commission's policy. However, if another Member of Congress requests review of any artwork for compliance with the Commission's policy, the final decision regarding the artwork's suitability for display will be made by the Commission. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display.

Participant Information and Release Form

Each entrant must submit a Participant Information and Release Form. The Participant Information and Release Form is available through the office of your Member of Congress.

The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible. Participants should include their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses. Participants should also include contact information that will be valid for several years.

The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work.

The second page of the Participant Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The participant must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.

A **TYPED** copy of the Participant Information and Release Form, signed by the participant, **must be** attached to the email submission to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.